

## Appendix B MEDLINE Search Strategy

Search Number	Key Word Searched	Results
1	Waiting Lists/	12068
2	Health Care Rationing/	11568
3	Appointments and Schedules/	9033
4	Systems Theory/	3005
5	exp TRIAGE/	12022
6	wait* list*.tw.	13671
7	queu*.tw.	1900
8	single-entry.tw.	227
9	central* intake.tw.	66
10	common intake.tw.	9
11	single point-of-entr*.tw.	48
12	pooled.tw.	95627
13	pooling.tw.	13258
14	(generic adj3 list*).tw.	118
15	(common adj3 list*).tw.	769
16	(one adj3 point adj access).tw.	0
17	triag*.tw.	20219
18	1 or 3 or 6	29876
19	2 or 4 or 5 or 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15 or 16 or 17	147924
20	18 and 19	1681

\*This search was adapted from Damani et al<sup>1</sup>, however the following search terms were not combined using the AND operator given that our review did not only constrict to surgical trials: elective service\* or elective surg\* or scheduled service\* scheduled surg\* or elective procedure\* or non-emergen\* procedure\* or day surger\* or non-emergen\* surger\* or routine surg\* or routine procedure\* or (outpatient adj3 (surger\* or procedur\*)) or(out-patient adj3 (surger\* or procedur\*)))tw. As well, terms that related to waiting lists or waiting time were grouped together and terms relating to SEM were grouped together. The SEM terms and the waiting time/list terms were combined using the AND operator.

## Reference List

1. Damani Z, Conner-Spady B, Nash T, et al. What is the influence of single- entry models on access to elective surgical procedures? A systematic review. *BMJ Open* 2017;7:e012225